

Mr. Smith offered the following :

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the visiting Baltimore committee, and invite them to the floor of the House at half past one o'clock to-day.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Boswell,

The vote by which the order was first adopted,

Was reconsidered.

Mr. Boswell proposed the following :

“Strike out one and a half” and insert “twelve and a half o'clock;

Which was adopted.

The order as amended,

Was then adopted.

Mr. Carmichael, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported the following

JOINT RESOLUTIONS :

Whereas, It is represented to this General Assembly that the President and Managers of the Baltimore and Fredericktown Turnpike Company are charging a higher rate of tolls on their road than by law they are authorized to do, and that they are charging and collecting toll for travel upon what was formerly a part of their road, but is now one of the public streets of the city of Baltimore by a conveyance of the same made by said Company, and have also for a long time neglected to repair the Pratt street road as required by their charter; and, whereas, it is proper that the General Assembly should protect the public against the impositions under color of law by corporations of its creation; therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Attorney General be and he is hereby directed to inquire whether the rates of toll charged by the said President and Managers of the Fredericktown Turnpike Road Company are higher than is warranted by law; whether they are charging for passing over any road or way not now by law belonging to them, and whether the said Pratt street road has been or is now in a condition such as their charter requires; and if he shall be of opinion that the charter of said Company in any or all of these particulars is violated he shall publish his written opinion to that effect in two of the newspapers of the city of Baltimore, and shall give notice to said Company of his said opinion, and if the said Company shall not within a reasonable time after said notice to it, correct the wrong which it shall authorize or permit, then said Attorney General